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THOUSANDS PAY TRIBUTE TO THE WAR GOVERNOR

SERVICES AT 11:30

The Remains of Former Governor Bickett Lay in State in the Rotunda of the State Capitol This Morning for Two Hours, Burial Took Place at Louisburg.

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—Thousands of his fellow citizens irrespective of race or political affiliations paid silent respect to the memory of Thomas Walter Bickett former governor of North Carolina who died at his home here yesterday, as they viewed his body as it lay in state in the rotunda of the State Capitol for two hours this morning.

The flower laden casket bearing the body of the former governor was removed from his home early today and at 9 o'clock the doors of the building were thrown open. The crowds then filed slowly into the capitol and by the tier to get a last glimpse of the former chief executive of the State. Tears were observed in the eyes of many persons as they left the building.

Under command of Lieut. Andrew Green members of the local military company—all veterans of the World War—acted as a guard of honor, a soldier standing rigidly at attention at the head and foot of the casket and two at each entrance to the rotunda.

The casket rested on a bier directly beneath the dome of the capitol and was draped in the American and State flag. Flowers were banked on either side of the casket while other designs rested on the casket. At 11 o'clock the doors of the building were closed and the body was moved directly across the street to Christ church of which Governor Bickett was a member. Here funeral services were conducted at 11:30 by Rt. Rev. Joseph Cheshire and Rev. Milton A. Harger. The church was crowded to overflowing.

The church ceremony was very simple, the order for the funeral services laid down in the Episcopal ritual being carried out. There were no special solos but the church choir sang several numbers including "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand," "Jesus Lives," "There is a Blessed Home" and "Beyond the World of Love."

Following the services at the church the body was placed in motor hearse and the funeral party left for Louisburg 23 miles north of Raleigh, the former home of the deceased.

Honorary pall bearers included members of the council of state, state Supreme Court and members of the local bar and former secretary of the navy, Josephus Daniels while the active pall bearers were intimate friends of the deceased.

KILLED HIS WIFE AND BURIED BODY

The Confessed Murderer Stated He Was Angered Because of Her Late Return Home.

Peru, Indiana, Dec. 29.—Joseph Filtcraft, 40 years old, confessed the police said late last night to having killed his wife, Margaret, Sunday and buried the body beneath their home.

The police were dispatched to the Filtcraft home, and after digging beneath the house found the body. The only motive for the alleged crime as given by Filtcraft was that he became angered when his wife did not return home Saturday night. It was later ascertained Mrs. Filtcraft had been employed as a nurse and had been unable to leave her patient that night. The couple were parents of four small children.

MASKED MOB IS AGAIN BUSY WITH REPRIMANDINGS

BEATS UP DIVORCEE

Birmingham Lawyer States That a Masked Mob Lured Him to the Mountains and Beat Him Up Instructing Him to Re-Marry His Divorced Wife or He Would be Killed

Birmingham, Dec. 29.—City and county authorities had made little headway they reported today in an effort to run down members of a masked mob who lured W. E. Tumlin a well known Birmingham attorney to Red Mountain Tuesday night and beat him until blood streamed from a score of lacerations.

Tumlin was enticed from his office by a youth who pretended the lawyer was wanted by a patient in a Red Mountain Sanatorium to draw up a will. When he reached a lonely spot Tumlin reports he was seized by masked men who bound and gagged him. The lawyer said that he was told he must promise to remarry his divorced wife or death would be inflicted. Records show that in Oct. 1921 a decree of absolute divorce was granted Tumlin on grounds of cruelty and voluntary abandonment.

TO CONSIDER SPAIN'S NAVY

Madrid, Dec. 29.—The adoption of a naval policy for Spain must be undertaken immediately, declared El Debate today in discussing the Washington conference. It argues another conference must be held the coming year in Europe in order to decide the strength of the naval forces in the Mediterranean and Spain must be included in the agreement.

TWO KILLED IN BOMB EXPLOSION

Lisbon, Dec. 29.—Two persons were killed and five others wounded through the explosion of bombs which it is alleged were being manufactured in a building belonging to the Lisbon Federation of Labor. The government is maintaining order.

SEIZE BRITISH RUM SHIP

Boston, Dec. 29.—The British schooner Golden West with alcohol and liquor aboard was seized by the coast guard cutter Acushnet while at anchor outside this port it was announced today. She was towed here by the cutter this morning and turned over to customs officers. The latter said they had received word the liquor laden vessel was flying the Union Jack. The vessel is said to be owned by a former Boston bar tender and was bound here from Halifax, N. S.

GENERAL NEWS

Murders in Chicago in the year ended Dec. 15 were at the rate of nearly one a day.

The number of persons in the United States between the ages of 5 and 20 years—in other words the school age population—is 33,250,870.

Raw sugar is lower than it has been in 15 years. The cost of Cuban sugar is 1 3-4 cents per pound f. o. b. New York.

Pending trial settlement of mandamus proceedings in the circuit court of appeals the Southern Power Company must continue selling electricity to the North Carolina Public Service company.

American business houses exported \$4,189,343,000 in merchandise in the first 11 months of this year.

SUGGEST PURCHASE OF CEMETERIES ON EUROPEAN GROUND

FOR AMERICA'S DEAD

Thirty Two Thousand Bodies of American Soldiers Will Not be Returned to This Country. It is Suggested by Mr. Weeks That Six Cemeteries be Purchased.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Purchase at an estimated cost of \$111,000 of seven tracts of land in Europe for permanent American cemeteries was recommended today by Secretary Weeks who in a letter to Speaker Gillette asked Congress to make an appropriation of \$745,000 for improvements of the cemeteries.

Secretary Weeks estimated the bodies of 32,000 Americans who died overseas would not be returned to the United States. He said arrangements were being made to concentrate in six cemeteries.

MARKETS

COTTON.
New York, Dec. 29.—The cotton market was rather irregular and unsettled opening steady at a decline of 5 to an advance of 6. Prices eased off from scattered realizing.

New York, Dec. 29.—Cotton futures opened steady, Jan. 18.73, Mar. 18.80, May 18.32, July 17.84, Oct. 6.92.

LIVERPOOL CLOSED
Jan. 11.27, Mar. 11.22, May 11.10, July 10.91, Oct. 10.36, Dec. 11.32.

N. Y. COTTON OPENED
Jan. 18.76, Mar. 18.80, May 18.33, July 17.86, Oct. 16.92.

N. Y. COTTON CLOSED.
Jan. 18.78, Mar. 18.73, May 18.28, July 17.79, Oct. 16.90.

12 O'CLOCK MARKET
Jan. 18.81, Mar. 18.81, May 18.32, July 17.85, Oct. 16.99.

Spots, Wilson market 17 1-4c.

CHICAGO GRAIN OPENED
Wheat, May 1.15 1-4, July 1.04 5-8, Dec. 1.11 5-8.
Corn, May 54 1-2, July 56 1-8, Dec. 48 1-2.
Oats, May 38 7-8, July 39 5-8, Dec. 34 1-4.

12 O'CLOCK MARKET
Wheat, May 1.16 1-8, July 1.05 5-8, Dec. 1.12 1-8.
Oats, May 39 1-2, July 39 1-6, Dec. 34 3-4.

WHEAT CLOSED.
May 117 1-8, July 106 5-8, Dec. 112 1-2.

CORN CLOSED.
May 55 1-8, July 56 5-8, Dec. 48 1-8.

OATS CLOSED.
May 39 1-2, July 40 1-4, Dec. 34 1-2.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE
Sterling 419 1-8, Francs 978 1-2, Lire 420 1-2, Marks 54.
Call money 5 per cent.

STOCKS.
New York, Dec. 29.—Yesterday's unexpected tightening of call money rates of 5 1-2 per cent accounted for the hesitant and irregular tone of the stock market at the opening today. Some of the investment rails were fractionally higher and such specialties as American Ice and Famous Players showed similar gains.

WEATHER.

For North Carolina, fair and much colder tonight and Friday, strong northwest winds diminishing by Friday.

ENGLAND IS ALONE IN HER PLANS FOR ABOLISHING SUBS.

DISTURBING SUBJECT

The Proposals of Definite Ratios for Auxiliary Craft as Was Advanced by the Americans for Battleships Might Have Meant Earlier Solving of Things.

(By David Lawrence.)
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Washington, Dec. 28.—Shall the submarine which wrought such havoc in the European war be the means of wrecking the concord of the major powers at the Washington conference?

For days the nations gathered here have wrestled with the question in vain. Some delegates despair of any settlement of the matter at this conference and suggest a new meeting of more nations to discuss submarines. Others insist that more patience will achieve an agreement.

The trouble lies chiefly in the abandonment of the formula used at the outset, namely agreeing on a principle that should govern naval strength before discussing each kind of craft. If Mr. Hughes had not insisted on applying that idea to the question of battleships, the conference would have been unable to reach any agreement on larger craft either. Mr. Hughes declared that national need was too vague and indefinite a rule to apply and that existing strength could alone be used in trying to effect a compromise of national viewpoints.

There is still another principle, namely, the relationship of the submarine and light cruiser to the battleship as a technical unit for the naval experts have always had plenty of ratios determining how many submarines, destroyers, cruisers and auxiliary craft should be proportioned to each battleship fleet.

But Great Britain started out by insisting that all submarines be abolished. America refused to accept that view point. So did France and Japan. Much argument was used as to the defensive value of the submarine and emphasis was laid upon "national needs," again. The confusion of these two principles led the powers further and further astray until Mr. Hughes again tried a compromise by proposing definite ratios of submarine tonnage. France opposes on the ground of national needs.

When the history of this conference comes to be written it will be found that the failure of the American proposals at the outset to include definite ratios for auxiliary craft had as much to do with the prolongation of the conference and possibly its last-minute failures as any other factor. By contrast, the initiative of the American delegation in establishing definite ratios for the battleships stands out as proof of what might have been done if the program had been all inclusive.

The British don't want any submarines built but would agree to 60,000 tons. On the other hand talk of postponing the issue until another and larger conference could be called in which smaller nations would be included has only served to accentuate the British view that if no agreement is reached they must be permitted to build submarines without limit. In a race between Great Britain and France, the latter would be hopelessly behind as neither the funds nor the materials are available for extensive submarine programs.

America, too, would be at liberty to build countless numbers of submarines.

While today the submarine situation looks hopeless, it really need not be regarded in that light for the pressure of the British and Americans can be applied in such fashion as to compel an agreement in the end. But if the ratio of submarines (Continued on Page Six.)

AMERICA URGES THE ADOPTION OF ROOT RESOLUTION

DISCUSS SUBMARINES

Whether Future Submarine Warfare Shall be Conducted Under Civilized Rules is Put Forward as a Direct Issue by the American Delegates to the Arms Conference.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A direct issue as to whether future submarine warfare shall be conducted under civilized rules was raised today by the American delegates on conference naval committee.

The Americans all urged adoption of Root resolution and won the support of Great Britain but the French Japanese and Italian delegates urged leaving the matter to a commission of experts.

The regulation which would regulate the use of submarines against the merchant craft was the subject of spirited debate at the morning session.

Unlimited construction of air craft with sharp delimitation of their use in war time is understood to be embodied in recommendations decided upon by the sub-committee on aviation.

The report of the sub-committee was said to be ready for presentation at a meeting of the land armament committee called for 3 p. m.

HIG FARM CROPS WORTH OVER FIVE BILLION

Washington, Dec. 28.—The country's important farm crops were valued this year at \$5,675,877,000 based on prices paid to farmers on December 1, the department of agriculture announced today in its final estimates. The same crops, which comprise about 90 per cent of the value of all farm crops, were valued last year at \$9,075,388,000.

The area devoted to important crops this year was 348,336,000 acres, compared with 349,067,000 acres last year.

A MARRIAGE

Mr. Wiley Robbins and Miss Martha J. Harrell of Gardner township were married today by Justice of the Peace W. R. Wood.

SUDAN TEMPLE HOLDS

MEETING.

New Bern, Dec. 29.—The mid winter ceremonial of the Sudan Temple of the Mystic Shrine is in session here today with about 200 Shriners and 80 candidates present.

The business session began at 10:30 at the Masonic Temple. John H. Anderson of Fayetteville was elected potentate succeeding Wm. R. Smith. Kinston was selected as the city for the summer ceremonial of 1922. Today's session will come to a close with a banquet and dance tonight.

ROUSING WELCOME

IS GIVEN DEBS.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 29.—Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, paroled several days ago from the Federal prison was resting at his home here today following the rousing home coming celebration tendered him last night by his fellow townsmen. Relatives announced that for the next few days Debs would probably remain in the seclusion of his home.

Persons in the crowd that gathered to greet Debs were bedecked with red hats and carried placards decorated in flaming colors.

ROMAN BANK CLOSES

Rome, Dec. 29.—The Banco Di Sconto closed its doors this morning following announcement by the government of a modified moratorium permitting the suspension of payments of obligations of certain corporations through court decrees.

GOVERNOR SMALL MUST FACE COURT IN SWINDLE CASE

CASE UP JANUARY NINTH

Lieutenant Governor Sterling is Also Involved in the Embezzlement Charges Resulting from Alleged Transactions Involving Large Sums of State Money.

Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 29.—Judge Claire C. Edwards of the Circuit Court of Lake county today upheld an indictment charging Gov. Len Small with embezzlement of \$500,000 of State bonds and nine of the thirteen counts of an indictment charging the Governor, Lieut. Governor Fred E. Sterling and Vernon Curtis, a banker of Grant Park with conspiracy and operating a confidence game involving two million dollars.

The court ordered the Governor to trial Jan. 9 on the \$500,000 embezzlement charge. Judge Edwards sustained the attorneys of the Governor and Lieutenant governor by quashing an indictment charging them together with Sterling with embezzlement of \$700,000; and quashed three counts charging conspiracy and the one charging confidence game in the other joint indictment. As a result Mr. Curtis will face trial only on the nine remaining counts of the conspiracy charge.

The charges against the men centered around alleged illegal practices during the term of Governor Small as state treasurer 1917-19 and the term of Lieut. Governor Sterling as state treasurer 1919-21.

SUGAR MAKES

FURTHER DECLINES.

New York, Dec. 29.—Prices for refined sugar declined to another new low record today when a local dealer reduced the list quotations 10 points to the basis of 4.80 for fine granulated.

DRUNKENNESS ON

INCREASED IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The annual report of municipal courts of Chicago submitted by Clerk Kearns showed drunkenness increased in the city, 6,300 being arraigned for intoxication in 1921 as against 32,305 in 1920.

The report followed the action by the city council yesterday in voting 52 to 6 for a resolution demanding Congress and the State legislature authorize the manufacture, sale and distribution of wholesome beers and light wines.

WOULD DEVELOP SIBERIAN TRADE

Special Delegates From Siberia Address Suggestions to the Arms Conference.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Expressing a desire to assist the Washington conference to arrive at a just and proper solution of problems in Siberia the special delegates from chambers of commerce from the maritime province in Siberia have addressed a letter to Secretary Hughes as chairman of the conference recommending that steps be taken to facilitate the wide use of foreign capital in the development of the resources of Siberia.

The report recommends the reorganization of the salmon fishing industry in Siberian waters and declares to establish the fisheries the Japanese troops should be evacuated from the Sagalian province and the lower part of the Amur river.

MISS MARGARET WATSON

HAD OPERATION.

Miss Margaret Watson, who was operated on Tuesday for tonsillitis, is doing nicely.